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In re Patent Application of

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Serial No. 10/772,413

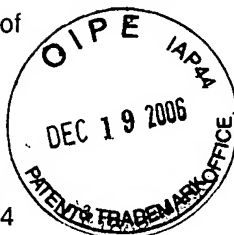
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Filed: February 6, 2004

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Date: December 19, 2006

Title: BONE FIXING DEVICE



Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

☐ **Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.**

**Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment 0 minus highest number  
previously paid for 20 (at least 20) = 0 x \$50.00 \$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$

Independent claims after amendment 0 minus highest number  
previously paid for 3 (at least 3) = 0 x \$200.00 \$0.00 (1201)/\$0.00 (2201) \$

If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add  
\$360.00 (1203)/\$0.00 (2203) \$

Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this  
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One Month Extension \$120.00 (1251)/\$0.00 (2251)  
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Four Month Extensions \$1590.00 (1254)/\$0.00 (2254)  
Five Month Extensions \$2160.00 (1255)/\$1080.00 (2255) \$

Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$130.00 (1814)/ \$0.00 (2814) \$

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

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**AMENDMENT 3**

Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Official Action dated November 16, 2006, which set a nominal response due date of February 16, 2007, please further amend the above-identified application as noted in the following sections.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.121, each section of the subject Amendment (e.g., Claim Amendments, Specification Amendments, Drawing Amendments and Remarks) as may be appropriate to the issues raised in the Official Action to which this paper responds, begins on a separate page. Changes to the original text, claims and the like are shown by striking through language to be deleted and underlining of language to be added.